



ProgressIndiana Region 3

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Region 3 Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, Noble, Steuben, Wells, Whitley



**Message from Indiana
Department of Commerce
Executive Director
Tim Monger**

Since our last *Progress Indiana* update in May, we have welcomed 11 new businesses to the state that will bring 1,478 new jobs and \$525,524,933 in investment. We also conducted 670 business development outreach meetings with CEOs statewide (http://www.in.gov/doc/news/news_releases/PDFs/04-06-29Reg8.pdf); unveiled new certified technology parks (http://www.in.gov/doc/news/news_releases/PDFs/04-06-29Evansville.pdf); initiated a promotional program for Indiana companies; created an office solely for the advocacy of small businesses; hired a professional to take our state's telecommunications to the next level; made more than \$6.3 million available in grants for rural communities, and a hit a record high in first-quarter exports (http://www.in.gov/doc/news/news_releases/PDFs/04-06-18Export.pdf).

These are just a few examples of results from our aggressive steps to move our state forward.

I encourage you to read more of our activity in each of our regions' newsletters by selecting an area of the state on the regional map. As with each issue, we will focus on events, announcements, and Commerce programs and activities across the state.

This issue, take note of our business development resources including tax credits, workforce development training initiatives, energy, tourism, international trade activities and more by going to:

Message from Region 3 Director Dan Yamanaka



Welcome to the Region 3 newsletter. Every other month we will provide information about the activity of our office, business resources and information on the services and announcements of the Indiana Department of Commerce. We hope you find this newsletter to be beneficial to the growth and development of your business or economic development policy. Our office is a resource to you. Please let us know if we can provide you with more information.

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REGION 3 AT A GLANCE

Artek Inc. Expanding Operations in Fort Wayne

In response to growing demand, Artek Inc., a locally owned and operated manufacturer of ultra-high molecular weight (UHMW) polyethylene products, has announced the addition of eight extrusion lines at the company's facility at 3311 Enterprise Road in Fort Wayne. Artek will invest approximately \$340,000 in new equipment, including resin mixing and material handling equipment.

FULL STORY:

http://www.knownolimits.biz/idoc/july_august/KernanFeralloy.pdf

International Truck Trains 400 with Skills Enhancement Fund Training Grant

International Truck received \$200,000 to train 400 employees from Indiana's Skills Enhancement Fund (SEF). The fund is designed to provide financial assistance to existing, new and expanding businesses committed to training their workforce. Trainees must be Indiana residents. Companies can receive reimbursement for retraining existing workers. Supplemental grant awards may be available for training new employees. For

<http://www.in.gov/doc/businesses/index.html>. Related business development programs are highlighted in our regional news sections.

We want this newsletter to be a resource for the growth and development of your company or community. If there is any information you would like to see in the newsletters, please send an e-mail to commercenewsletters@commerce.in.gov.

David Dorff named as head of the Office of Small Business Advocacy

FULL STORY:

<http://www.in.gov/serv/presscal?PF=gov&Clst=4&Elist=81379>

See related initiatives impacting small businesses including workforce development, health care expenses and regulatory relief at:

http://www.knownolimits.biz/ldoc/july_august/Workforce_training.pdf

http://www.knownolimits.biz/ldoc/july_august/Health_care.pdf

http://www.knownolimits.biz/ldoc/july_august/REGULATORY_RELIEF_.pdf

New Grant Programs to Stimulate Economic Development

FULL STORY:

http://www.in.gov/doc/news/news_releases/PDFs/04-06-30IRDC.pdf

Broadband Conference Slated for September

For more information, go to:

<http://www.in.gov/doc/highspeedcommunication/>

Christine Fulford named as high-speed communications director for the Indiana Department of Commerce

FULL STORY:

http://www.in.gov/doc/news/news_releases/PDFs/04-07-08Fulford.pdf

Gov. Joe Kernan unveils "Buy Indiana" Web site

For more information on the program and to register, go to www.opportunityindiana.in.gov.

Microenterprise Partnership Program makes grants available to community organizations

For more information on the program, go to

<http://www.iedc.org/>.

more information on SEF go to:

<http://www.in.gov/doc/skills2016/skills/>

Congratulations to Award Winners in Region 3

Two recipients in Region 3 were awarded a total of \$100,000 in tax credits from the Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP). Those include: Community Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne (\$50,000) and Turnstone Center for Disabled Children & Adults in Fort Wayne (\$50,000).

Read the press release:

http://www.in.gov/doc/news/news_releases/PDFs/04-07-12NAP.pdf

American Silicones Inc. Awarded Expansion Tax Break

The Garrett Clipper reported in June that American Silicones was awarded a three-year tax abatement by the Garrett City Council for their proposed \$480,000 expansion, adding 18,150 square feet to their current building on Taylor Road. The company is expecting to add eight jobs.

FULL STORY:

[http://www.indianaeconomicdigest.net/main.asp?](http://www.indianaeconomicdigest.net/main.asp?SectionID=31&subsectionID=70&articleID=12413)

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Sentry Points LLC is Certified Through the Venture Capital Investment Program

Indiana's Venture Capital Investment Tax Credit program encourages investing in start-up companies like, Sentry Points in Fort Wayne to stimulate business growth and bring new jobs to the state. Read the press release:

http://www.in.gov/doc/news/news_releases/PDFs/04-06-04Venture.pdf.

Survey Says Area Employers Plan to Hire More Employees

Fort Wayne.com reports 37 percent of area employers interviewed plan to hire more employees in the July to September quarter, according to a Manpower Inc. survey.

FULL STORY: <http://www.fortwayne.com>

REGION 3 CALENDAR

July 29, Regional Advisory Board Meeting in Fort Wayne at 9:00 a.m.

Aug. 3, U.S. Senator Evan Bayh Job Fair, Job Training & Business Summit will be held at the IPFW, Walb Student Union in Fort Wayne. For more information contact the Student Union at 260.481.6610.

Aug. 10, Small Business Summit & Minority and Women Business Enterprise Summit. View the agenda at:

http://www.knownolimits.biz/ldoc/july_august/LGsummitPlanforDay-External.pdf



Aug. 11, INDOT Workshop in Syracuse at 2:30 p.m.

Aug. 18, Community and Economic Development Workshop (TBA)

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Aug. 25, IDEM Meeting in Fort Wayne at 10:00 a.m.

Sept. 13, Broadband Conference at Ball State University. For more information, go to <http://www.in.gov/doc/highspeedcommunication/>

Sept. 17, Quality of Place applications are due. Go to www.in.gov/tourism for more information.

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